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C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 0768

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, GV, XF

SUBJECT: SEKOU TOURE'S LIBYAN VISIT

1. PRESIDENT TOURE DEPARTED CONAKRY MORNING OF APRIL 17 FOR TRIPOLI AT HEAD OF POWERFUL GUINEAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, ARRIVING IN TRIPOLI MONDAY AFTERNOON. GUINEAN RADIO REPORTED THAT SEKOU TOURE WAS MET AT TRIPOLI AIRPORT BY RCC CHAIRMAN MU'AMMAR QUADHAFI. ACCOMPANYING SEKOU TOURE, ACCORDING TO RADIO, WERE PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT DAMANTANG CAMARA, MINISTER OF SOCIAL DOMAIN SAIFOULAYE DIALLO, MINISTER OF JUSTICE LANSANA DIANE, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND IDEOLOGY SENAINON BEHANZIN, MINISTER OF PLAN AND COOPERATION N'FALY SANGARE, MINISTER OF BANKING AND INSURANCE MOMORY CAMARA, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE SAIKOU BARRY, A MONETARY  
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OFFICIAL FROM THE PRESIDENCY, LAMINE CONOE, AND PRESIDENTIAL PROTOCOL CHIEF ALI BANGOURA.

2. TOURE MAY RETURN VIA MALI, AND THERE CONTINUES SPECULATION THAT HE MAY LEAVE CONAKRY AGAIN AROUND APRIL 28 FOR A VISIT TO KUWAIT, QATAR, UAE AND POSSIBLY JIDDA, BUT THESE PLANS WERE COMPLETELY FLUID AT TIME OF HIS

DEPARTURE.

3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT TOURE'S TRAVEL TO TRIPOLI, SENIOR POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER MOUSSA DIAKITE'S PLANNED TRIP TO DAKAR APRIL 19 (SEPTTEL) AND DEPARTURE APRIL 17 OF MINISTERS OF DOMAIN ISMAEL TOURE (ECONOMICS AND FINANCE) AND ABDOULAYE TOURE (TRADE) FOR ECOWAS MEETING IN LAGOS, DEPRIVES CONAKRY OF GUINEA'S TOP LEADERSHIP FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL DAYS. TOURE HAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST UNWELCOME EVENTS DURING HIS ABSENCE, BUT ABOVE TRAVELS NEVERTHELESS DEMONSTRATE A DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS PERSONAL AND POLITICAL SECURITY UNPARALLELED SINCE BEFORE 1970.

4. IN TRIPOLI TOURE NO DOUBT WILL SEEK TO PIN DOWN MORE LIBYAN AID AND INVESTMENT, ALREADY SIZEABLE. HIS RECENT ACTS INDICATE A "NEW TOURE" BENT ON PLAYING ROLE OF ELDER STATESMAN ON AFRICA-WIDE STAGE, AND IF THERE IS ANY BREATH LEFT IN LAST YEAR'S GUINEAN ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE BETWEEN SADAT AND QADHAFI, OR BETWEEN OTHER ARABS, TOURE MAY SEEK TO REVIVE IT. END COMMENT.

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